
Conference on Disarmament

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Draft Programme of work for the 2013 session of the Conference on Disarmament

The Conference on Disarmament,

Mindful of the importance of a balanced and comprehensive programme of work for the Conference which does not prejudice any past, present or future position, proposal or priority of any delegation, nor any commitment undertaken in any other multilateral fora related to disarmament,

Without prescribing or precluding any outcome(s) for discussions under paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 below, with a view to enabling further compromise(s) including the possibility of future negotiations under any agenda item, thus upholding the nature of this forum.

In pursuance of its agenda and taking into account past, present and future decisions and proposals,¹ takes the following decision for the establishment of a programme of work for the current session:

1. To establish a working group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" to develop proposals on nuclear disarmament.
2. To establish a working group under agenda item 1 entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament" to develop proposals on fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices.
3. To establish a working group under agenda item 3 entitled "Prevention of an arms race in outer space" to develop proposals on prevention of an arms race in outer space.
4. To establish a working group under agenda item 4 entitled "Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons" to develop proposals on effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

Each working group shall present a report to the Conference on Disarmament on the progress of its work before the conclusion of the current session.

5. To appoint a special coordinator under agenda item 5 entitled "New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons" to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate way to deal with this issue.

¹ These include but not limited to the CD/1299.

6. To appoint a special coordinator under agenda item 6 entitled "Comprehensive programme of disarmament" to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate way to deal with this issue.

7. To appoint a special coordinator under agenda item 7 entitled "Transparency in armaments" to seek the views of its members on the most appropriate way to deal with the questions related to this item.

Each special coordinator shall take into consideration all relevant views and proposals past, present and future. The Conference requests the special coordinators to present a report before the end of the current session.
